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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONCENTRICALLY FORMING  
AN OPTICAL PREFORM USING LASER ENERGY

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- 45 pages, including 4 independent claims and 22 claims total.
2. Drawings- 11 sheets of drawings (Figures 1A-1D, 2A-2B, 3, 4A-4C, 5, 6A-6C, and 7).
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**Enclosures:**

1. Patent Application Transmittal - 3 pages
2. Patent Application – 45 pages
3. 11 sheets of informal drawings
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